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CASE NO. MC062YP

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re application of: CARL BERTHELETTE, ET AL

Serial No. 10/521,075

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Group Art Unit 1626

Examiner F. Powers

For: NITRIC OXIDE RELEASING PRODRUGS OF
DIARYL-2-(5H)-FURANONES AS CYCLOOXYGENASE-2
INHIBITORS

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

No additional fee is required.

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CLAIMS AS AMENDED

(1)	(2) Claims remaining after amendment	(3)	(4) Highest Number Previously Paid For	(5) Present Extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional Fee
Total Claims	* <u>18</u>	-	** <u>18</u> =	<u>0</u> X	\$50	= <u>0.00</u>
Independent Claims	* <u>1</u>	-	*** <u>1</u> =	<u>0</u> X	\$200	= <u>0.00</u>
Multiple Dependent Claims					\$360 ****	= <u></u>
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated August 18, 2006 setting forth a shortened statutory period for reply ending November 18, 2006. Please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 28 of this paper.

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